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The report on the food situation in Madras Province for the second fortnight of September 1948 and the enclosures to it may be perused in the current file.

Weather conditions and crop prospects:-

The rainfall during the fortnight was heavey in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot, Malabar and South Kanara moderate in the districts of Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Chittoor, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Madura and the Nilgiris, fair in the districts of Coimbatore, Tanjore and Ramnad and light in the other districts of the Province.

Preparatory cultivation was delayed in the districts of Chittoor, North Arcot and Coimbatore and in parts of the districts of Vizagapatam, Krishna (upland taluks), Ramnad and Tirunelveli. Sowing has been suspended in the districts of North Arcot and Ramnad and in parts of Tirunelveli district and transplantation held up in the districts of North Arcot, and Salem and in parts of Vizagapatam, Cuddapah, and Nellore districts for want of rains and water supply- Transplantations of paddy was proceeding in the districts of West Godavari, Salem. Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tanjore, Malabar and in parts of the districts of Vizagaptatam, Guntur, Bellary, Nellore and the Nilgiris. Sowing of dry crops was proceeding in the districts of West Godavari Anantapur, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot and Ramnadand in parts of the districts of East Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Bellary, Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem, Madura and Tirunelveli.

The condition of the standing crops was generally fair in all the districts of the Province except in Chingleput where it was poor and in parts of Vizagapatam where paddy crops were withering in some taluks. The crops in parts of East Godavari district sustained damage due to the heavey rains received during the fortnight.

Dry crops were affected by pests in parts of Guntur and South Arcot Districts and were withering in Chittoor district and in parts of the North Arcot, Coimbatore, and Madura districts.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli, and Malabar ((parts) of cholam in the districts of Anantapur, Tiruchirapalli Ramnad (parts) and Tirunelveli, of cumbu in the districts of East Godavari, Nellore, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Ramnad (parts) and of ragi in the districts of Anantapur, Nellore and the Nilgiris. The outturn of paddy was fair to normal and of cholam, cumbu and ragi poor to normal.

Stock and supply position:-

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 25-9-48 when compared with the stock position on 18-9-48.

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Foodgrains.	Stocks on 18-9-48. (in tons)	Stocks on 25-9-48. (In tons).
Rice	2,10,556	1,98,254
Wheat	11,274	10,338
Maida	2,487	2,410
Maize	12,715	11,395
Other grains.	8,819	9,138

Rice: All districts except Chittoor and Tirunelveli have adequate stocks. Supplies are being moved expeditiously to these two districts.

The Government of India have fixed the quota for the last quarter of 9949 at 10,200 tons and have made an allotment of 640 tons of rice from Puri district in Orissa.

Millets and Maize:

The stocks at the end of the fortnight in several deficit districts were low and in adequate. The supply position is likely to improve as soon as the quotas of milo allotted from the s.s. "Jalakirti" nand the s.s ."Indian Merchant" under discharge at the Madras Harbour are received in the districts. 17,050 tons of milo were received from Overseas during the fortnight. The Government of India have recently revised the ceiling quota due to Madras for the period October to December 1948. The revised import quota of other grains (millets, milo, etc) for the last quarter is 57,200 tons and deducting therefrom the October quota of 9,050 tons from the s.s."Indian Merchant" already received, a balance of about 48,150, tons is expected to be allocated to Madras before the end of December 1948.

Wheat and Wheat Products:

The Government of India have allotted to 61,800 tons of wheat for October to December 1948 under the Basic plan.

1,655 tons of Semolina were received in this Province on 23.9-48. This quantity is outside the Basic Plan.

PROGRESS OF PROCUREMENT:

A quantity of 12.393 tons of rice was procured in the surplus districts and in the Nilgiris and Malabar districts during the fortnight ended 15-9-1948 as against 11,060 tons procured in the preceding fortnight. The procurement was fair in the districts of West Godavari, Tanjore and Malabar and poor in the districts of East Godavari, Tanjore and Malabar and poor in the districts of East Godavari, and Guntur, Krishna, and Nellore.

PRICES: The Statements of prices relating to foodgrains firewood, dal, edible oilseeds, oils and oilcakes may be perused at pp7-22c.f.

The case may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Fo'd)N.M.(P.H.) and H.E. for perusal

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